

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph after the paragraph on page 20, lines 24-26, with the following amended paragraph:

--United States Patent Application Serial Number (USSN) 09/522,376, filed March 10, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,448,045, is explicitly incorporated in the present application by reference in the entirety and for all purposes.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 1-2, with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 4. Insulin protein in induced  $\beta$ lox5 cells. Fig. ~~4(A)~~ 4(A-C) Insulin immunohistochemistry; Fig. ~~4(B)~~ 4(D) Insulin western blot analysis of conditioned medium.--